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21 February 1955

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[Redacted Box]**SUBJECT:** Conference at 1000 this Date on Project [Redacted Box]

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1. The following personnel were present for this conference:

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2. The name [Redacted Box] was accepted as the agreed name for this project.

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3. I reviewed the recent progress in setting up the project with the Navy, the ONR letter request on CNO, the visit to Submarine Headquarters at New London, the visits with Admiral Duke and Admiral Espe in the Pentagon, the briefing of Admiral Carney, the conferences 16 February in the Pentagon with CNO, BuAir (Meteorology) and Coast Guard representatives, the dispatch from CNO to the field setting up the project, and etc. I stated that I have been named by CNO and ONR as the ONR senior representative on this project and that the Agency has designated me to be in charge of the tests, so far as Agency planning and personnel are concerned.

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5. I then stated, and emphasized, that all material that is to go to [Redacted Box] must be ready here on 1 April 1955 for shipment via truck to [Redacted Box]

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6. Preparatory flights at Minneapolis. [Redacted Box] in liaison with [Redacted Box] will arrange for two or three balloon flights in Minneapolis area prior to 1 April. Purpose is to test out the K-20 and Swiss cameras and their mounts and gondola modifications.

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7. Broad Responsibilities Agreed on

[Redacted Box] - Agency overall charge.  
[Redacted Box] ONR overall charge.

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Liaison with Navy Commanders.  
 Provide information on submarine sonar, radar, radio,  
 ECM, and electrical supply types.  
 Provide rubber boats and certain other equipment.

[ ] - Will prepare any ONR dispatches and directives.  
 Attend to helium supply.  
 Will be on the deck during launching.

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[ ] - Arrange with [ ] the Minneapolis flights.  
 Modify gondola.  
 Provide balloons and kits and certain other equipment.  
 On submarine deck in charge of inflation.

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[ ] - Provide cameras, film, filters, lenses, and weights  
 for altitude photography.  
 Supply [ ] with cameras for Minneapolis flights (six  
 K-20 cameras for April tests, plus Swiss cameras if  
 needed.)  
 Train pilots in use of cameras.

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[ ] - In charge for Commo matters.  
 Provide voice, CW, beacon, frequencies, window, reflectors,  
 any radar proofing in ample time, including any needed  
 for Minneapolis test.  
 Care for all Commo equipment at [ ]

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[ ] - SR senior representative. Possibly assist in photo-  
 graphy on board the submarine.

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[ ] - Photographer on board submarine.  
 Provide films, movie and still cameras for all photography  
 on the submarine.

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[ ] - Balloonist - 170 lbs.  
 Check out on oxygen at Wright Field.

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 Check out on oxygen at Wright Field.  
 Obtain and submit flight rations and data on  
 weights, and any arrangements for water.

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[ ] - Assist [ ] if necessary.  
 Standby balloonist.  
 Check out on oxygen at Wright Field.  
 Assistant for Meteorology  
 Observe weather balloon flights.

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[ ] - Assist [ ] in photographic matters.

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8. It was agreed that a conference on Commo matters would be held in Room 26-71, at 1600 on 21 February, to discuss use of voice, GW, reflectors, waterproofing, along with radio frequencies, under-water bombs and etc. [ ] and SZ representative will attend.

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9. It was felt that altimeter, thermometer, clock and tilt angle of camera would require photography while in flight.

10. No insulation or warming of cameras was believed necessary but waterproofing is important and [ ] will check Air Force on waterproofing bags.

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11. Clothing - It was decided to obtain the Mark-III and Mark-I exposure suits, the Navy standard cold weather clothing and Golbar suits.

Theodolite - it was agreed to obtain one along with a reflector and possibly a lantern.

Oxygen masks - obtain.

Meteorol. balloons - obtain.

Helium - GWR to obtain.

Gondola windshield - arrange for.

Thermeboots - obtain.

Rubber boats - get four two-man rubber boats with CO<sub>2</sub> inflation and kits.

Life jackets - obtain.

Dye markers - obtain.

12. It was pointed out that the Navy has set up the project to begin about 18 April 1955, to extend for approximately ten days to two weeks or until earlier completion. This means that the equipment will all be assembled in [ ] the first week in April.

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